[Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai.]

vaidyasalas so as to enable the people to reap the maximum benefit from these institutions. The Government will however assure the members that they are fully aware of the increasing need for these vaidyasalas and are ready to establish more as the financial condition improves. In that connection Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai's proposal also will be borne in mind. He wants to increase the number of *netra* vaidyasalas. Of course, as other vaidyasalas are increased, the case of *netra* vaidyasalas also will be considered. With this assurance I will request the member to withdraw his motion.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI: ചെങ്ങന്നൂർ നടത്തിവരുന്ന നേത്രരോഗ വൈദ്യശാലയ്ക്ക് ഗ്രാൻറ് കിട്ടണമെന്നുള്ള അപേക്ഷ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: അതിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള റിക്കാൻഡു കൾ ഒന്നും കാണുന്നില്ല. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ സ്റ്റീം കിട്ടിയതിനുശേഷം ആലോചിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

MR. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI: പുതുപ്പള്ളിയിൽ നടത്തിവരുന്ന വൈദ്യശാലക്ക് ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊടുക്കുന്നകാര്യംകൂടെ ആലോചിക്കുമോ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: അതിൻറെകാര്യവുംകൂടി ആലോചിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI: ഞാൻ എൻറെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻവലിക്കുന്നതിനു അനുവാദം ചോദിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

PRESIDENT: Is it the desire of the House that the motion be withdrawn?

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand VII—Ayurveda for Rs. 66,594 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VIII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

MR. K. GEORGE: I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,52,218 under Demand VII—Public Health and Sanitation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Sir, while opposing the demand I want to know the nature of the work hereafter expected to be done by the Entomologist. When that office was first created a a few years back, we were under the impression that the services of the man who has been obtained on loan from the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicines are to be utilised for a temporary period, to put in order the work to be done by this specialist, and thereafter to discontinue his services and to hand over the work to the men who are

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working under him. In his address to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly the Dewan in 1932 said—

"The services of Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar of the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicines have been secured on a loan for one year".

The Financial Secretary while introducing the budget for the year 1108 in his speech said that provision is made for the continuance of the officer during the next year. This branch of the Public Health Department spent Rs. 23,000 and odd in 1108 and another Rs. 22,000 and odd is budgeted to be spent during the course of this year. But while these announcements clearly indicated that the services of the man are to be utilised for one year only, when the Financial Secretary introduced the budget for the current year, nothing is said about the intention of the Government as to the extension of the services of this man next year. But there is a significant paragraph in his speech which says—

"Malaria surveys of Todupuzha and Shencotta taluks and parts of Pathanapuram, Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara taluks have also been concluded. It is proposed to continue the work next year".

The last sentence is very significant. It would seem that the malarial surveys of some taluks were completed and that it is proposed to continue the work next year. What is proposed to be done next year, what is the nature of the work to be continued next year, what exactly is the result of the experiments conducted by this specialist hitherto and what are the special regions in Travancore where more particular experiments are expected to be conducted by this specialist in order to find out the several varieties of mosquitoes and the malaria injectors in our country we do not know. I do not know what are the other taluks of the State infected by malaria, or where he is expected to work next year. There are two very competent assistants given to him. What exactly has been the training hitherto obtained by these assistants under this specialist? Have they reached a degree of competency when the specialist could safely hand over that branch of Public Health in the hands of these sons of the soil? Or, how long is he expected to work here with this fat salary? These are the matters on which I would like to have some light thrown or enlightemennt given. So I move this motion.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Sir, I rise to support the motion of Mr. Nilakanta Pillai for the omission of the whole demand. In doing so I wish to make some remarks about the proposed amalgamation of the Sanitary and Public Health Departments with the Medical Department. All over the world, Sir, the tendency has been to bifurcate the Public Health Department from the Medical Department. While in many parts of British India and in the sister States of Cochin, Mysore, Hyderabad and Indore, etc., the separation is complete, we are surprised to see that our Government is now contemplating the amalgamation of these departments. The separation in Mysore was effected, I understand, at the instance of no less a person than Dr. Sweet who was the representative of the Rockefellers' Institute in Mysore.

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[Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai.]

The functions of these departments are different. The main function of the Medical Department, as stated by the Financial Secretary himself, is curative, whereas that of the Public Health Department is preventive. In England and all other civilised countries of the world the medical profession has absolutely nothing to do with the administration of Public Health. In these days when medical science is fast developing, a medical man who is very anxious about his profession, will have really no time to attend to other activities. So, the proposed amalgamation of these departments is not at all desirable. For the sake of efficiency, Sir, have we not separated the Electrical Department from the control of the Chief Engineer and placed it under the control of a separate Electrical Engineer? Are we not making provision in our budget for the creation of a Warden of Games, independent of the Conservator of Forests, for the better preservation of the forest games? In view of all these, I am surprised to find why our Government should be very particular in taking this step, a step which has been tried and given up in other parts of the world.

Under the new scheme, Sir, we are going to witness a wonderful and remarkable state of affairs. The control of our Public Health Department is to be placed under a Darbar Physician, who, to our knowledge, has no health qualifications, and then again we are going to have another Assistant Director of Public Health, a superannuated medical man, who too has no health qualifications. And as a crowning act of waste we are also going to have all our qualified experts in public health matters placed under these two officers.

While in Mysore, Madras and Ceylon, the representative of the Rockefeller Foundation is only an agent of the Foundation, in Travancore we find that he is allowed to interfere in the administrative work of the department. Instead of confining his activities to giving honorary advice, he is meddling with the creation of and filling up of appointments in the Public Health Department. Then we also find that the schemes of the Honorary Adviser are a thorough failure in Travancore. According to the original understanding the hookworm and malarial survey and the control of the infectious diseases were the most essential activities to be undertaken in Travancore and the creation of the Health Units was only a subsidiary activity. No doubt, the Honorary Adviser started these essential activities first, but he stopped them in the middle and has now concentrated his special attention and energy to the creation of Health Units for which he is advising the Government of His Highness the Maha Raja to spend large amounts.

This pet scheme of the Honorary Adviser found itself a thorough failure in Ceylon and a partial failure in Mysore. In these circumstances, I think, it is not at all advisable on the part of Government to spend such fabulous sums for this exploded Health Unit scheme.

MR. M. GOVINDAN: What is the source of the member's information for the statement that it is a failure in Ceylon?

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MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: It is based upon authorised reports. If the member wants, I shall place those reports in his hands.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: If that be so, is it not advisable to amalgamate the departments?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: What I say is that the lines on which the Health Department is now working are not proper. A different line of action has to be taken up by the department.

I find that the Honorary Adviser has proposed a scheme to divide the whole State into a number of Units and Government will have to spend something like Rs. 40,000 or Rs. 50,000 for each Unit. From the amount spent for Neyyattinkara, which is considered as half a Unit- I think, if the Government accept the scheme, they will have to spend Rs. 40,000 or Rs. 50,000 for every Unit. I think it will be a terrible waste of public money especially at this time of depression.

MR. KOCHIKAL P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI: Has the member any scientific knowledge of health work?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I am not speaking about scientific and expert knowledge. I am speaking only about facts. In Mysore and other places, I understand, that some of the Public Health activities conducted under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation have been given up recently on account of economic depression. The Health Unit scheme was not suited to Indian conditions and as such has been discontinued in Ceylon, Mysore and Madras.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*Temporary Secretary to Government in Political Matters*): May I know whether the member has visited the Health Unit at Neyyattinkara?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Yes, except 'boring' business, nothing is done there.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: നെയ്യാറിൻകര നടത്തിവരുന്ന ഹെൽത്ത്യൂണിറ് നല്ലവണ്ണം ജോലി നടത്തിവരുന്നു എന്ന് അറിയാമോ?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I think the member knows that that I visited the Heath Unit at Neyyattinkara at the time of my election

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: നെയ്യാറ്റംകരപോയിട്ടുള്ളതല്ലാതെ അവിടത്തെ ഹെൽത്ത്യൂണിറ് സന്ദർശിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നു തോന്നുന്നു.?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The member will remember that it was he who took me there.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: മെമ്പർ ഹെൽത്ത്യൂണിറ് സന്ദർശിച്ച അവസരത്തിൽ നല്ല തൃപ്തിയോടുകൂടി അല്ലേമടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

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MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: That is a different matter.

Then with regard to the Entomologist, about whom Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai referred, I also wish to say a word. A third class Botany graduate of the Madras University who was getting only Rs. 200 or Rs. 300 in Calcutta, was got down at the recommendation of the Honorary Adviser at a cost of Rs. 1,000 per mensem including his pensionary contribution. He is also given two assistants and six field assistants for the purpose of carrying mosquitoes from distant parts and for transporting them to Trivandrum (*Laughter*). While field work is being carried on in Shertallai and other places, the Entomologist who is got down at this high cost instead of going to the spot for conducting experiments is comfortably installed in Trivandrum. Is it not possible for us to train one of our people in Entomology? In none of the other Indian States or under any Provincial Governments in British India do we find a full time Medical Entomologist. Only in Travancore we have a full time Entomologist.

MR. KOCHIKAL P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI: Is the member congratulating Government on that score?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: No, I say it is a waste.

MR. M. GOVINDAN: Does not the member know that there is an alarming number of filarial cases in Travancore?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Yes, some three or four years ago one Dr. Alexander was appointed to conduct a filarial survey and no body knows what has become of his report. And what guarantee is there that the result of the work of the present Entomologist will not share the same fate?

Coming to another point, we find from the budget that provision is made to make the office of the Educational Officer permanent. I am surprised to find how a disqualified man, a mere graduate, who has neither health nor medical qualifications, is allowed to continue in that place and give lectures on tropical diseases such as hookworm, cholera, dysentery and other such diseases. Such state of affairs should not be allowed to continue in the department. With these words I support the motion of Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

PRESIDENT: The House will adjourn to 11 A. M. tomorrow.

The Council adjourned at 4-36 P. M.

P. PARAMESVARA PILLAI,
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